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REF: A) MADRID 4440, B) STATE 156815, C) BREISKY/FRY LETTER
DATED 6/28 D) MADRID 4954

1. WHILE WE ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE METHOD USED BY SPANISH TO DIVIDE AVAILABLE FUNDS, OUR RESPONSE IS HAMP-
PERED BY ABSENCE OF DATA ON COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES
EACH MINISTRY PLANS TO FINANCE WITH ITS SHARE OF THE
FUNDS. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THE SPANISH
INTEND TO USE 85 PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR COOPERA-
TIVE RESEARCH AS AGREED AT MAY 16 MEETING; WE HAVE
HEARD SUGGESTION THEY PLAN TO REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ALTERNATIVE AGREED AT MAY MEETING.

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2. IN REF B) WE STATED OUR CONCERN THAT SOLAR ENERGY,
BUREAU OF MINES, AND ICONA ARE NOT ADEQUATELY FUNDED.
OUR PROBLEM IN SUGGESTING NOW THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS BE
MADE AVAILABLE FOR THESE PURPOSES AT THE EXPENSE OF
OTHER ALLOCATIONS MADE BY SPANISH, IS THE LACK OF DATA
REFERRED TO ABOVE; FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE UNAWARE OF THE

USE PLANNED BY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE FOR ITS \$733,000 ALLOCATION.

3. AS WE SEE IT, THERE ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES WHEREBY WE COULD ASSURE THAT ADEQUATE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVITIES DEEMED CRUCIAL BY THE U.S. THESE WOULD INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO REQUESTING AN ADJUSTMENT OF ALLOCATIONS DECIDED ON BY THE SPANISH MINISTRIES, THE FOLLOWING:

---A) USE OF INSTITUTIONAL GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS. ERDA'S (SELVAGE) ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT FROM \$222,000 - \$272,000 COULD BE USED FOR PROCUREMENT OF COMMODITIES FOR SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH.

---B) BY THE TIME PROJECTS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION ARE READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION, THE SECOND YEAR'S TREATY FUNDS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. ACCORDINGLY, WE COULD ALLOCATE A PORTION OF SECOND YEAR'S FUNDS TO THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE NOW UNDERFUNDED.

4. REF D) STATES THAT SPANISH PROPOSALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ABOUT JULY 15. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THE ENTIRE SPANISH PROGRAM IS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BEFORE APPROACHING SPANISH WITH U.S. COUNTERPROPOSAL. VANCE

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